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On the 29th of this month the citizens of the town will be called upon to vote on the proposition of issuing bonds for the purpose of completing the reservoir already commenced by the town. We understand that there is some opposition to the bond issue. There certainly cannot be any serious opposition to this proposition. The town has already spent a considerable sum on the reservoir and will have it completed by early spring. That the town needs this reservoir no one will question. This work has to be paid for, and should the bond issue fail the council will simply levy a special tax on the taxpayers to pay for it, which they have a perfect right to do. This would effect every taxpayer in the town. If it is paid for by bond issue the bonds can be paid out of the revenue derived from water rent and will not increase the taxes of anyone.

The Republican National Convention next year will probably be held in Chicago.

Small wonder that Russia objects to any sort of open door in dranghty weather like this.

The territories of Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma will make another effort to "join the union."

Postmarked and rural carriers are only allowed seven holidays in a year and yet some people complain when they take them.

Tax United States is the greatest coal producing county in the world, and Wise County is one of the greatest coal producing counties in the South.

There are 148 different religions sects in the United States, and it isn't much wonder an outsider doesn't know which sect to join. Each claim to be the best and some claim to be the whole bakeshop.

With all man's enterprise and ambition in the line of making money there is nothing which he gets which is of so much real value to him as his home. And there is this good thing about the home—that it does not take so very much money to make it a pleasant spot. A man may be rich as the world goes, have a big bank account, bonds and mortgages, have a fine house and be envied by his fellows, but if he be married to a wife with an ugly temper or have boys and girls who go wrong, he, with all his wealth, cannot know what home is. There are lots of fine houses and poor homes.

BOND ISSUE.

Editor Post:—On the 15th day of July, 1899, an election was held and the citizens of the town of Big Stone Gap, Va., declared by their votes at said election in favor of issuing \$25,000 in bonds for the purpose of buying the Glanorgan water works, then and now, supplying the town with water.

The wisdom of this action upon the part of the town has never been questioned. It has been eminently a successful investment on the part of the town. The water works is, and has been, paying \$1250.00 interest on the bonds, and one per cent, on the bonds, which is paid over to the sinking fund commissioners, so that, the water works are paying the bonded indebtedness, without any taxes upon the people whatever.

Owing to the increased population of our town, thereby increasing the demand for a constant water supply, the water supply during the dry months of the summer and fall has been inadequate, and has greatly reduced the revenue of the town, as well as the great inconvenience of many of our citizens, especially those on the elevated part of our town. The mayor and council of last year, had several projects to overcome the inadequate supply of water, none of which materialized. The present council, at the first of the year, took up the question, and decided that the most feasible plan was to build a reservoir, (as all cities and towns

throughout the country have done.) The construction of a reservoir was, therefore, commenced, and it is expected to be completed by the first of May, 1904, at the farthest, and when completed will be worth, on business men say, \$50,000 to the town.

The question of a reservoir is a foregone conclusion. The only question to be decided is, how will the town pay for the reservoir. There is but two answers to the question. The money can be raised by bond issue, or by taxation, this is for the citizens of the town to determine. If by issuing bonds the reservoir can be paid for in the same way that the water works are being paid for, by revenue derived from the water rents, otherwise the money will be raised by an increased taxation.

The council is of the opinion that a bond issue is preferable to an increase of taxes, and, therefore, has ordered an election to be held at council chamber on the 29th day of December, 1903, for the citizens to determine as to the manner of raising the money and in addition to a bond issue for a supplementary water supply have asked that \$7,000 in bonds be issued to build a new bridge across the river near the L. & N. depot, and one to take the place of the old bridge at the dummy crossing. This bridge is to be owned by the town and to be separate from the dummy bridge. The bridge now in use on East Fifth Street is not safe, and will have to be rebuilt within the next year. If it is not built by money on a bond issue the current revenue of the town will have to be used. It is the opinion of the council that two steel bridges should be built, bridges that will last for a half century, and to float 30 year 5 per cent bonds they would be paid for in part by the inhabitants of the town living here later on, and that the town's increase in population, would be easy on all the people. The bond issue, fellow citizens, is a question presented to you by the council, for your consideration. If you think it to your interest and better for the town to pay for the reservoir and build the bridges out of the current

TIME TO PAY THE POLL TAX.

Politicians throughout the State are worrying more or less concerning the indifference of the voters in regard to the payment of the poll tax assessed against them. As has been pointed out many times, the new Constitution provides that all capitalization taxes assessed against a man (except in the case of a veteran of the Civil War,) must be paid at least six months preceding an election in order to make him a qualified elector. Of course, the man who is not entitled to vote at the general election will be debarred from participation in the primary.

In order to take part in the election of municipal officers next spring the voter must pay his poll tax on or before December 13, 1903, and since this election is the most important political contest that can engage the attention of our people it is to be hoped that every man entitled to the right of suffrage will qualify to exercise that privilege. Some persons seem to imagine that the national election is the only one deserving consideration at the hands of the voter. As a matter of fact, about the only way in which the private citizen feels the influence of the national government, unless he be a moonshiner or counterfeit, is through the mail service. On the other hand, the municipal government touches one at close quarters. Its quality has to do with all of the phases of every-day life. It sets the pace in things industrial, commercial, moral, sanitary and aesthetic. It touches a man at a dozen different points; in police and health regulations; in fire protection and in other ways wherein the difference between efficiency and inefficiency may easily be discerned.

There are now less than thirty days in which to comply with the constitutional requirements concerning the capitation tax, and the indications are that many persons will neglect to comply with the provisions in time to qualify as voters in the

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Pocket Cutlery at

Hamblen Brothers

before buying your
Xmas presents.

revenue of the town, thereby increasing all of our taxes and make us pay for these improvements, then you will vote against the bonds, however, if you think that those living here 20 years from today should share in the expense, then you will vote for the bonds. Choose ye between these two questions.

Respectfully,
W. H. HORTON.

IMPORTANT MEETING

Of the Incorporators of the
Cumberland Transportation
Light and Power
Company.

Wise, Va., Dec. 12.—An important meeting of the incorporators of the Cumberland Transportation, Light and Power Company was held in the town of Wise, Va., Dec. 12th, 1903, when an organization was effected and plans discussed for the prosecution of an enterprise that promises so much for this section. O. M. Vance was chairman and R. T. Irvine was secretary. The permanent organization of the company was as follows:

Hon. Harry M. Smythe was chosen president of the company with Messrs. J. A. Ewer, E. M. Fulton and R. T. Irvine as vice-presidents. Col. T. E. S. Bailey was made secretary and Dr. M. L. Stallard treasurer. The general idea prevailing the meeting was that the scheme should be vigorously prosecuted as early as weather and other conditions will permit. The object of the company is to construct a trolley line from Norton east to Toms Creek by way of Wise and Glanorgan, and west by way of Dorchester, Appalachia and Stonega to Big Stone Gap, its western terminus. The incorporators embrace many of the men most prominent in business circles of this section and their enterprise promises more for the development and upbuilding of this great and stirring community than any scheme possible.

HOLIDAY EXCURSION TICKETS.

(1.) One and one-third first class fare, via Norfolk & Western Railway, will be sold to the public December 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and Jan. 1st. Final limit Jan. 4th, 1904.
Upon presentation and surrender of certificate signed by Superintendent, Principal or President of College or School, Excursion tickets will be sold to students Dec. 10th to 22nd, and Jan. 1st to 4th, 1904.
Additional information apply in application to agents of Norfolk & Western Railway.
W. B. BEXLEY, G. P. A.

election next spring. Those persons who do fail to save that right of suffrage, however, should have sufficient realization of "the eternal fitness of things" to refrain from criticizing the municipal government, whatever it may be, that follows the next election.—Norton News Press.

WANTED—TRUSTWORTHY LADY or gentleman to manage business in this county and adjoining territory for house of solid financial standing. \$20.00 straight cash salary and expenses paid each Monday direct from headquarters. Expense money advanced; position permanent. Address Manager, 685 Union Bldg. Chicago. Nov. 26-121

TEACHERS' COMMITTEE

On Louisiana Purchase Exposition Work for Wise County Meet at Norton.

On Saturday, December 12th, at one o'clock, a committee of the teachers of Wise County, under the direction of the Wise County Teachers' Association, met at the Norton school building to consider the preparation of an exhibit of school work from our county. Prin. C. Y. Chapman of Norton, was chosen chairman of the committee and Prin. R. H. Sheppe of Big Stone Gap, was elected secretary. Reports of previously appointed district committees were heard. All of the districts in the county were heard from except Wise, and all reported that preliminary meetings had been held.

In Robertson District work had been assigned to the schools as follows:
No. 1. Land School: Letter writing, lists of trees, spelling lists.
No. 2. Found School: Number work, letter writing, map drawing.
No. 3. River School: Spelling lists, dictation, maps.
No. 4. Indian Creek School: Production maps, spelling lists, lists of trees.
No. 5. Bond's Mill School: Arithmetic problems and number work, spelling lists.
No. 6. Stilly School: Drawing, composition, biography.
No. 7. Hopkins' School: Arithmetic work and tables, spelling lists, diagrams.
The following suggestive list was reported by Big Stone Gap and Richmond Districts:

1. Map drawing.
2. Sentences illustrating parts of speech. Words used in sentences illustrating the same.
3. Local maps and illustrated maps in connection with geography lessons.
4. Stories told by scholars during recess.
5. Description of local industries.
6. Reproduction stories.
7. Primary number work.
8. Primary language work.
9. Development of any subject through a series of grades.
10. Letter writing.
11. Diagrams of sentences.
12. Comprehensive study of fractions and other subjects.
13. Roman Notation in primary grades.
14. Illustrated history papers.
15. Nature study in monthly or colored drawings.
16. Say work results.
17. Table.
18. Penmanship.
19. Spelling lists.

20. Defining lists.
21. Problems in square and cube root.
22. History of Original Thirteen.
23. Punctuation and capitalization illustrated.
24. Paper-folding.
25. Papers on science.
26. Mechanical drawing.
27. Discretional marking.
28. Description of birds.
29. Miniature houses, cake ovens, etc.
30. Original composition work.
31. Study of poems, using drawings.
32. Biography work.
33. Algebra and geometry examples.
34. Music scales.
35. Product maps.
36. Dictation.
37. History of the county.
38. Map of the county.
39. District maps.
40. Collection of wood.
41. Papers on soils.
42. Collection of stones, fossils, ores, etc.
43. Herbarium of this section.
44. List of animals of this section.
45. List of trees of this section.
46. List of farm products of this section.
47. Card-board construction work.
48. Phonetic charts.
49. All kinds of copying.
50. History of schools.
51. Written debates.
52. Intensive study of town, locality, etc.

Any form of manual training.
The following resolutions were adopted:
1. That, as a part of our county exhibit, photographs of the school houses, now in use and those abandoned, be made and mounted and that each be accompanied by a short history of the school. That the teachers be requested to attend to this.
2. That all work prepared for the Exposition be exhibited at home schools.
3. That the work be sent to Big Stone Gap to be exhibited at the proposed meeting of the District Association (Ninth Congressional) next spring.
4. That District School Boards be requested to make appropriations to defray necessary expenses of getting up the work and shipping it.
5. That the lists of work reported at this meeting be used as the basis of work by the teachers of the county.
The secretary suggests as much variety in the work as possible.
It was suggested at the meeting that those teachers whose schools close early go to work at once and spend a good portion of the rest of the time getting up their work and shipping it.

The following persons attended the meeting: Miss Nina Reed, Miss Cole, Prin. C. Y. Chapman, Miss Sallie Hillman, Mr. C. S. Kennedy, Mr. W. N. Bond, Mr. S. F. Riddle, Mr. A. M. Qualls, Miss Morgan, Miss Miller, Mrs. Fink, Miss Cooper, Mr. E. M. Addington, Mrs. R. H. Sheppe, Supt. R. L. Counts, Prin. R. H. Sheppe, Prin. Chapman and Supt. Counts had in charge to catch the train, Mr. A. M. Qualls was elected temporary chairman. After some further general discussion, the committee adjourned to meet at the call of the chairman.

R. H. SHEPPE, Sec.
FROM STONEGA.

Correspondence of the Big Stone Gap Post.
STONEGA, Va., Dec. 15.—A sad accident took place here last Thursday afternoon, near No. 3 trestle, whereby Wm. Childers lost his life and Charles Harden lost a foot and an ear. They were walking on the main track talking together, with their heads down (as it was snowing furiously at the time) and failed to notice a loaded coal car that was being backed slowly toward them, until they came up between the rails, and fell underneath the car between the rails. Children were crushed under the first trucks. Childers was taken to the hospital, where his wounds were attended to, and he is getting along nicely.
Childers had been working in Dorchester but came here on Thursday intending to work here, and met his fate as above noted.

Sam Owens is out walking around, and thinks he must have a charmed life.
Morgan Young is getting well as fast as can be expected; the bones in the ankle having knit, it will not be long until he can use his foot again.

Mrs. Floyd Bolling and babe returned to Stonega on Tuesday.
The public school here has been most successful this term, the parents being well pleased with the progress of their children. In future a monthly report will be sent to the Post giving the names of pupils who excel in the various grades. The scholars are going to prepare exhibits of their skill for the world's fair exhibition at St. Louis in 1904.

Guessing contests are all the rage now. If you can't guess how many apples does their counting every night in the week in Wise county we will send you their photos in future issues.

A Frightened Horse.
Running like mad down the street dumping the contents, or a hundred other accidents, are every day occurrences. It behooves everybody to have a reliable Salvator and there's none as good as Buckle's Arnica Salve. Burns, cuts, scalds, Eczema and Piles disappear quickly under its soothing effect. 25c. at Dr. J. W. Kelly's Drug Store.

HOLIDAY GOODS.

We have an immense line of up-to-date holiday goods now on display. A beautiful line of Netsuki bags, the most popular, useful artistic bag of the day. A large variety of toilet sets, manicure and infant sets. Brushes, picture frames, artistic ink wells, thermometers, collar, cuff and handkerchief boxes, fancy work baskets, triplicate mirrors, smokers' outfits of ever description pipes, tobacco jars, match stands, &c.

500 lbs. of the finest candies and chocolates made in America. Huyler's, Lowney's, Nunnally's in fancy baskets and boxes.

All the latest books, elegant and up-to-date Stationery, gold and fountain pens, and many other useful articles and novelties.

Kelly's Drug Store.

NOTICE.

I will sell cheap for cash one house and lot at the L. & N. depot, on West Main and West 12th streets, which is a corner lot, and fronts 25 feet by 125 feet deep, and 40 feet in rear, with plenty of room for two more buildings. This lot was purchased from the Central Land Company, Flat No. 18, in Block 20. Title is clear and recorded in Wise County Court Clerk's office.

P. H. MANESS,
Big Stone Gap, Va.
Phone 91.

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HOMES FOR SALE

BY THE
Big Stone Gap Land Company.

On the 21st Day of December, 1903,

commencing at 10 o'clock a. m., the Big Stone Gap Land Company will offer for sale, at public auction, to the highest bidder, a limited number of lots situated in the Town of Big Stone Gap, to-wit:

- Forty (40) lots in Plat 5, East of the V. & S. W. Depot.
 - Forty (40) lots in Plat 5, West of the V. & S. W. Depot.
 - Forty (40) lots in Plat 3, that is, the Plat North of Powell's River.
- And the follow lots in Plat 1, namely: 1, 2, and 3, B. 42; 6 and 7, B. 33; 15, 16, 17 and 18, B. 29; 14 and 15, B. 59; 6, 7 and 8, B. 68; 7 and 8, B. 59.

TERMS OF SALE

will be one-third cash, balance in 6 and 12 months, to be evidenced by promissory notes, and secured by a lien on the property. Sales will take place on the property to be sold. Parties desiring to attend should assemble at the Eugene Hotel at 9:30 a. m. They will be conveyed thence to the grounds on the Dummy.

The Town of Big Stone Gap is making every effort to make of it a desirable place for residences. It has the best public school in Southwest Virginia, an excellent telephone service, thoroughly equipped electric light plant, and as soon as the new reservoir is completed, which will be before next summer, it will have a perfect water supply. Its police system is kept up to the best, and there is no town in all this region which has better order.

It is believed that in the near future an electric railway will be built, connecting Big Stone Gap with the mines on Pigeon Creek, Looney Creek, and Callahan, and extending on up to Norton. This will enable employees to live at Big Stone Gap, where they can educate their children, and attend to their business at the different mines without inconvenience.

There has been no such opportunity to secure desirable building lots in Big Stone Gap for years.

Big Stone Gap Land Co.,

BIG STONE GAP, VA.